



The LongPath

A North Alabama DX Club Publication

Special points of interest:

- From the President
- July Program
- Minutes and Treasurer's Report
- FD Double-Header

From the President

By Mark Brown, N4BCD

Did you ever get so busy at having fun that broken stuff starts piling up? That's where I'm at this July. The Murch tuner that melted in a winter RTTY contest sits unrepaired. The electric tower winch failed a few months back so I put it on the shelf intending to troubleshoot & repair it. Last week the rotor failed with the tri-bandner aimed at 260 degrees. The shack laptop has been replaced with a new desktop unit and the laborious process of recovering files, logs, and photos is ongoing. It's time to stop chasing the 13 Colonies and start chasing bugs.

Field Day was fun – both of them. I spent Friday helping the Huntsville club assemble their K4BFT 4A station at the US Space & Rocket Center. On Saturday I arrived at the Lincoln County High School in Fayetteville, TN to help the local club with antenna work and station building. While the Lincoln County Amateur Radio Association also operated 4A, it was a more relaxed affair with less aggressive antennas, attended by wives, kids, and pets, and operations rolled up at 10 PM Saturday. Drove back to Huntsville and spent some time after midnight at 80/20m Phone. Took a few days to recover but well worth it.

Our Huntsville Hamfest is only 7 weeks away and plans are coming together for another great event. Just as HARC members volunteer their time as hosts and move-in/out help, and HAYLARC's help with ticket sales; I'm calling on our membership to support the event with at least a few hours helping staff the NADXC table and assisting with the Banquet. We may crowd the room this year as ticket sales volume is significantly ahead of past years. Get your tickets soon!

I'm especially excited to hear Bob Allphin K4UEE speak at our Banquet on the challenges to the team on next year's major expedition to Bouvet. It was just announced they're planning a 14 to 16 day activation on the island, with 9 to 11 days for transit on each side of that.

Time to fix that rotor, and winch, and tuner, and...

73,

Mark N4BCD

North Alabama DX Club - President

How to Join

- * Come to a club meeting;
- * or send in an application by mail (form on www.NADXC.org)
- * or call Tom Duncan at (256)705-2147

Speech Audio Processing and Tailoring

July Program by M. D. Smith, WA4DXP

M.D.'s years in the broadcasting business and as a ham give him a special appreciation for audio quality, and the credentials to talk about it. Do different microphones really make any difference in your phone signal? What range of speech frequencies has the most impact on intelligibility? How about compression – is it really worth fooling with, and if so, what is enough, and what is too much?

Get to the Golden Corral around 6:00 pm for din-

ner, 7:00 for the business meeting, and 7:30 for M.D.'s program.



June 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes

By Kelley Johns, W4VPZ—NADXC Secretary/Treasurer

NADXC Minutes, June 13, 2017

16 members and 2 guests in attendance at the Golden Corral

The sign-in sheet DX worked reports were reviewed:

Steve AG4W	HH2 6m
Tim AB4B	GD, GW, GJ, EI on 6m
Chuck N4NM	EI, GH, MDO, C6 all 6m
Bruce AC4G	XE, C6, EI, GM, GD, PA 6m
Bob KC4TNC	6 countries, 7 states (6m) and 2 on (JT65)
Kevin KG4TEI	KF4MMF, KC4TEO
Tom N4KG	TX5EG
Kelley W4VPZ	(wire antenna is down again; regrouping)

Announcements

Steve AG4G reported on his moon-bounce work.

Tim AB4B thanked for all the AL QSO Party participation.

Mark N4BCD mentioned that the Hamfest ad for the QST magazine had been proofed by several people and would be published in the next issue. He also shared the proof for the 2017 Hamfest button.

Bob K8KI shared some information on an antenna project and gadgets from the Dayton Hamvention.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,069.23
Debits	
Cash for Ticket Sales Change	-\$ 100.00
Secretary of State	-\$ 28.00
Credits	
Deposit	\$ 134.00
Deposit (PayPal)	\$ 367.50
Deposit	\$ 266.00
Ending Balance	\$ 4,708.73

Banquet tickets are available to purchase in person, or online through our Club's website. 42 tickets have already been sold, and we have a maximum capacity of 100. Get yours now!

No membership applications have been received.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mark N4BCD shared a few photos from the Xenia/Dayton Hamvention. It was a good Hamvention, but expect some changes and improvements next year.

Program

Bruce AC4G presented a slide-show and program on his DXpedition to the Marshall Islands (V73CW), 1999-2002.

The LongPath Staff

Publisher/Editor:

Tom Duncan, KG4CUY

Departments:

Chuck Lewis, N4NM, DX Contests

Kelley Vann-Johns, W4VPZ, Minutes

Mark Brown, N4BCD, From the President

N4BCD—Two Field Days

This year Mark, N4BCD played a Field Day double-header, first helping set up K4BFT out in front of the Space and Rocket Center Marriott, then manning the Lincoln County TN club station W4BV at Lincoln County High School pictured to the right, and then back to Huntsville for some graveyard-shift phone and help with tear-down on Sunday.



NADXC Officers and Directors

President	Mark Brown, N4BCD
Vice President	John Stensby, N5DF
Secretary/	Kelley Vann-Johns, W4VPZ
Treasurer	
At-large	Kevin Hibbs, KG4TEI
Directors	Tom Duncan, KG4CUY